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SUBJECT: EXIMBANK SUPPORT FOR OFF-HIGHWAY TRUCKS

REF: STATE 221527 (NOTAL)

1. WE ASSUME THE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ARE DESIRED ON WHETHER
THE SUBJECT TRUCKS MIGHT ACTUALLY BE DESTINED FOR THE LIBYAN
ARMY.

2. HEAVY-DUTY OFF-HIGHWAY TRUCKS ARE COMMONLY USED BY THE
LIBYAN OIL INDUSTRY TO GET DRILLING RIGS AND OTHER HEAVY
EQUIPMENT TO DESERT DRILLING SITES WHERE THERE ARE NO ROADS.
WE HAVE VERIFIED WITH THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY THAT OIL DRILLING
AND EXPLORATION, LTD, IS ACTIVE HERE (ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 215,
BENGHAZI) AND THAT IT OPERATES DRILLING RIGS UNDER CONTRACT
TO ARABIAN GULF EXPLORATION CO. (AGECO). AGECO IS A MAJOR
GOVERNMENT-OWNED OIL-PRODUCING COMPANY WHICH TO OUR KNOWLEDGE
DOES NOT DRILL WELLS, BUT CONTRACTS OTHERS LIKE THE AUSTRALIAN
FIRM TO DO SO. AGECO IS ENGAGED IN AN IMPORTANT EXPANSION
PROGRAM AND THUS CONTRACTING OF ADDITIONAL RIGS IS
REASONABLE. WE SEE NO REPEAT NO REASON FOR CONCERN THAT
TRUCKS IN QUESTION ARE INTENDED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER
THAN STATED BY POTENTIAL BUYER.

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3. WE ALSO SEE NO REASON TO EXPECT THAT LIBYAN ARMY WOULD
TRY TO GET TANK-HAULING TRUCKS IN DRIBS AND DRABS FROM THE
U.S. BY SUBTERFUGE. THEIR PERCEIVED REQUIREMENTS ARE TOO
HUGE AND THERE ARE BELIEVED TO BE SEVERAL NON-U.S. SOURCES
EAGER TO FILL THE VOID LEFT BY THE APPARENT COLLAPSE OF
THE OSHKOSH DEAL. A GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICER HAS TOLD US
IN FACT THAT SEVERAL SUBSTITUTES FOR OSHKOSH UNITS HAVE

ALREADY ARRIVED FROM THE FRG.
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